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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:** 

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the

application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS** 

1. (Currently Amended) A rotary tool comprising first and second tool holders

together defining a center axis and being clamped together in an axial direction by a force-

applying member, wherein the first tool body including an axially extending male part, and

the second tool body including an axially extending female part in which the male part is

received; and first and second guiding structures for guiding the first and second tool bodies

relative to one another in the radial direction; the first guiding structure including radially

outer interengaging guide surfaces disposed on the first and second tool bodies at a location

adjacent outer circumferences thereof; the second guide structure including radially inner

interengaging guide surfaces connected to the male and female parts, respectively, wherein

the first and second tool bodies include first and second end surfaces facing each other and

disposed in non-contacting relationship when said first and second tool bodies are connected.

2. (Original) The tool according to claim 1 wherein the radially outer interengaging

guide surfaces comprise a generally axially extending ridge on one of the first and second

tool bodies, and a groove disposed in the other of the first and second tool bodies and in

which the ridge is disposed.

3. (Original) The tool according to claim 2 wherein the ridge and the groove are

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complementarily arch-shaped.

- 4. (Currently Amended) The tool according to claim 3 wherein the first and second tool bodies include first and second end surfaces facing each other in the axial direction and disposed in non-contacting relationship, the ridge is disposed on one of the end surfaces, and the groove is disposed in the other end surface.
- 5. (Currently Amended) the <u>The</u> tool according to claim 2 wherein the ridge is curved and has a first radius of curvature, and the groove is curved and has a second radius of curvature larger than the first radius of curvature.
- 6. (Original) The tool according to claim 2 wherein the radially inner interengaging surfaces are of complementary shape.
- 7. (Original) The tool according to claim 2 wherein the radially inner interengaging surfaces comprise a cylindrical projection and a cylindrical recess receiving the projection, the projection and the recess defining a center axis coinciding with the center axis of the tool.
- 8. (Original) The tool according to claim 1 wherein the radially inner interengaging surfaces comprise a cylindrical projection and a cylindrical recess receiving the projection, the projection and the recess defining a center axis coinciding with the center axis of the tool.
- 9. (Original) The tool according to claim 1 wherein the male and female parts have a generally triangular cross section.

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- 10. (Original) The tool according to claim 9 wherein the male part has three side surfaces, each comprising a portion of convex shape as viewed in the direction of the axis.
- 11. (Original) The tool according to claim 1 wherein the male and female parts are configured to provide radial play between one another.
- 12. (Original) The tool according to clam 1 wherein the force-applying member comprises a screw extending along the axis.
- 13. (Currently Amended) The tool according to claim 12 wherein the screw includes a shank having a chamber longitudinal chamfer extending along an entire length thereof.
- 14. (Original) The tool according to claim 1 wherein one of the first and second tool bodies constitutes a tool head.